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## REQUEST

## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (OPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTOISBIZS) Instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Exemination and Provisional Application Practice, Finat Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 18, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gez. Pet. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which ostablished RCE practice 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Previously submitted
Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_ (Any unantered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. 🗌 Other b. X Enclosed i. X Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) It is respectfully requested for a telephone interview before the applicant is examined. lv. X Other 2. Miscellaneous a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ MOnths. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) 3. Fees The RCE foo under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filled. a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 502436 (Order No.: ACEGAIN) i. X RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) Small Entity ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. 🗌 Other b. Check in the amount of \$\_ C. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Name 39,450 (Print /Type) Joe Zheng Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Signature Date CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on: Name (Print(Type) Joe Zhena Signature nen Date

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